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Contractor breaks city sewer line

The City has just confirmed that a contractor for a local utility hit a City water or sewer pipe on River Road while excavating late today to install underground utilities.

The spill is located at the intersection of River Road and Shipyard Boulevard, at the entrance to the state Ports facility.

Although not yet confirmed, city officials believe the pipe that was hit is the River Road sewer forcemain pipe. Testing is being conducted to verify if the spill is drinking water or waste water.

As a precaution, the city recommends that citizens not come into contact with the water. Updates will be provided as information becomes available.

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For more information, contact city Public Information Officer Malissa Talbert at 342-2736 or 470-8720.